



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

10th November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Autumn Term Week 10 Headteacher Update

Thank you to those parents who attended our Year 7 Parent Tutor Evening last week. A reminder to please complete the Year 7 Parent Tutor Evening questionnaire which has been sent by Mr Maidment. I am pleased to pass on that 90% of families were represented. The parent school partnership is extremely important for us all at St James'.

Tomorrow, we will join together as a school family to commemorate Remembrance Day. Remembrance Day honours those who serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life. We remember the sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth, we pay tribute to the special contribution of families and of the emergency services and we acknowledge innocent civilians who have lost their lives in conflict and acts of terrorism. The whole school will join together for a short service of remembrance and to observe 2 minutes of silence during which some of our children will play the Last Post.

On Thursday this week we welcome our class of 2025 back to school for the final time for Prize Evening. This is a formal end to their time at St James' where there will be prize winners for individual subjects, overarching awards and children will be able to collect their examination certificates. I know you will join me in congratulating our leavers on their achievements and continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they journey through the next stages of their educational or working lives. If you are a parent of a class of 2025 child and have not yet completed the form with regards to Prize Evening, please do so [here](#).

In yesterday's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the Temple, though He is referring to *"the temple of his body."* He reminds us that God's presence is not limited to a building, however sacred, but is found within each one of us. At St James', we are fortunate to gather each day as a family rooted in faith, respect and care. Yet the Gospel calls us to go further, to recognise that every member of our school family is a living temple of God's love. How we speak to each other in the corridors, how we support one another in lessons, and how we act when no one is watching, all reflect this truth. Let us strive this week to make our school not only a place of learning, but a place where each person is upheld with dignity and kindness.

I hope you have a brilliant week. As always, if you need anything this week, please do not hesitate to get in touch headteacherpa@stjamescheadle.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher

